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When Antelope first began its struggles in an effort to get the county seat of a new county, the bulk of which would have been gained by slicing off the most valuable portion of northern Crook, The Dalles could see no reason why the former's plea should not be granted. But when Hood River with its surrounding fertile and productive territory jumped in and laid claim for a new county, The Dalles immediately scratched its combative bump. The Chronicle voiced the sentiment of the community in this way, and the argument (?) is rather amusing in the light of current events:

"It is too bad that the Cascade county boomers could not have a county seat within a few miles of every fruit ranch, so that these farmers could quit work at 6 o'clock, transact their business, and return home the same night. This is about the sum and substance of the plaint of the Hood River hot air boomers. Isn't it terrible that a farmer has to go eighteen or twenty miles to the county seat, and lose a half day in transacting his county business. To suit such people the county seat should be on wheels, and be moved around to every rancher's apple orchard at convenient times, and the other inhabitants of the county should pay the taxes and journey thirty or forty miles to the county town. Such bosh would be laughed to scorn by pupils in the kindergartens of the country."

Many Government clerks complain of the routine and "treadmill" existence in a Department. Well, is any kind of steady work properly performed other than "treadmill?" How about the woman who marries, cooks three meals a day 365 days in the year, makes beds once each of these days, washes on Monday fifty-two times a year, bakes bread on Tuesday and Saturday of each of these fifty-two weeks, and so on through the whole train of housewifely duties. She is earning her wages in making a home for her husband and children, but it is a treadmill existence, just the same as that of the blacksmith who pulls off horseshoes just to nail them on again, or the bank clerk who counts money eight hours a day, or the preacher who reads two sermons each Sunday, holds prayer-meeting in the middle of the week, and routines it through the whole seven days visiting the sick, the indigent, the indolent and the backslider. After the rumor of an added hour to the day's work had seethed and boiled and slopped over, and reached the Executive Mansion, the President announced that such an idea had never entered his head. It is thus shown that people when they have a good thing do not realize the benefits derived from it. This is human nature we are all heirs to such faults. The easier we have things come to us the easier we want them to come.—Cline Falls Press.

When the demand for crude oil is taken into consideration miners say it is astonishing that more has not been done in the way of sinking prospect wells in the Northwest in efforts to develop oil or gas. There has been comparatively little done in this direction in Oregon, notwithstanding the fact that strong indications of existence of oil deposits occur in various localities. Last year there was considerable work done in driving a prospect well in the vicinity of Independence, in which a local financier was the principal investor. Whether that work will be continued is not known at present, but that region is considered one of the most promising in the state. It is claimed that strong surface indication of the presence of petroleum is found east of the Cascades, in Crook and Klamath counties, and also in Lake. Seepage of oil is not always taken as a good in-

dication that the fluid will be found in paying quantity below the surface, even though oil sand is revealed by drilling. It sometimes results in the conviction that its seepage is due to broken formation, and the oil has been forced out under pressure of gases, or by other means, and does not remain in the subterranean pools, lakes or channels in which it occurs.—Telegram.

Oregon's weather for the months of 1904 is summarized, and the following statements are made covering weather conditions for the year:
Temperature—The mean temperature for the year, determined from all stations, was 51.2 degrees, or 1.3 degrees above the normal. The highest annual mean was 58.2 degrees, or 1.3 degrees above the normal. The highest annual mean was 58.2 degrees, at Blalock, Gilliam county; lowest, 45.3 degrees, at Pine, Baker county (Government Camp, a mountain station, not being considered.) The highest temperature for the year was 110 degrees, at Blalock, Gilliam county, on August 5th; the lowest was 11 degrees below zero, at Pine, Baker county, on January 20th.

Precipitation—The average for the year, determined from all stations, was 48.40 inches, or 3.86 inches above the normal. The greatest annual amount at any station was 144.87 inches at Glenora, Tillamook county; the least 7.74 inches at Umatilla county. The greatest monthly amount was 30.83 inches, at Buckhorn Farm, Josephine county, in February. At a number of stations in the coast, Columbia river valley, Southern Oregon and plateau districts no precipitation fell during the month of August.

The Inland Empire is now taking treatment from one of the grasping trusts exposed by Thomas W. Lawson. At the bidding of the corporations, Chairman Burton of the river and harbor committee, has decided that Ohio canals, and not Western rivers and harbors shall be the beneficiaries of the present congress. For thirty years this same farce has been enacted in congress. The money already applied to the Celilo canal will be worse than wasted, if additional funds are not provided to complete the work. Congress is acting unwisely, narrowly and unjustly in denying the West its legitimate requirements. It is a travesty on civilization for congress to refuse to complete at once the work on the Columbia river bar, and on the Celilo canal. Both of these obstructions are barriers to the settlement and civilization of the Northwest. Both of them should be completed and no excuse from congress will be received by the Inland Empire. It is a clear case of corporation dominance. No other excuse can be offered by Burton for his actions.—E. O.

Additional Locals

Wm. McMeekin is making arrangements to construct a lumber and shingle mill about two miles east of Grizzly sometime this spring. He had charge of the Maury mountain mill last summer.
C. A. Glover this week purchased the stock of goods belonging to the People's Co-operative Mercantile company and has moved it into the Slayton building. Mr. Glover expects to enlarge the present stock and will conduct a general grocery business.
A new bridge will be constructed this spring at Cline Falls connecting the town with the east side. The structure will be of great advantage to the new settlers coming in to that section and to the segregated tracts of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company.
The members of the two fire companies are making great preparations for their ball which will be given in Athletic hall Tuesday evening, February 21. Final arrange-

ment of the committee to have charge of the event has not been made, but announcement will be made later. The proceeds of the event will be used in purchasing some needed apparatus for the companies.

Extra heating apparatus is being put in Athletic hall today for the benefit of those who witness the Arabian Nights. A good comfortable temperature is assured.

Rev. John Evans, pastor of the Methodist church of Moro, came in on Wednesday's stage, to assist in the evangelistic services now in progress at the M. E. church. Mr. Evans is secretary of the Columbia River Conference, and is held in high esteem by his brethren in the ministry. Services at 7:30 each evening. You will find a comfortable room, a warm welcome, an inspiring song service and a helpful gospel sermon.

Representative Kuney, of Sherman county lived things up in the state legislature last week when he announced that he had prepared a bill for the protection of "fish life" in Sherman county, and that he would shortly introduce it in both branches of the law making body. The first section of the bill is as follows: "That it shall be unlawful for any person to catch by use of lasso, dog or any other means, any fish which may be found crossing the county between the John Day and Deschutes rivers in Sherman county, Oregon."

Tables have turned and teachers are the ones who will receive rewards of merit in Portland now. A report of the committee on salaries provides that a teacher of six years experience may, after an examination by a commission, be placed on the merit list, where she will receive a salary \$50 a year more than one in the same grade who is not on the merit list. Examinations will be held annually, and the names of the successful candidates will be reported to the board by September 1st. A graduated scale of wages, to be determined according to the number of years of experience of the teacher, was also recommended.

Graduate from the Public School.

Nine students who took the regular eighth grade state examination last week passed successfully in the nine studies and were graduated from the public school. These pupils are now ready for high school but it is not probable that they will take up the higher branches of work until the fall term begins next September. In the examinations given in the nine studies an average of over 90 was attained in all the work, a very creditable showing. Those who have completed their work for the year and all time to come in the public school are:

Misses Pearl McFarland, Benah Hyde, Aulie Snyder, Maggie Foster, Vida Jones, Aletha Dillon, Gertrude Hodges, Effie Dobbs and Verna Howard.

Parents as Well as Teachers Should Help.

The teachers of the county are solicited to prepare something for the Educational exhibit from Crook county which will be shown at the Lewis and Clark fair. Composition work, drawn work, number work, collections of curios, etc. Things of local interest are the best subjects for composition work. If teachers will report to the County Superintendent exposition paper will be sent out as soon as received. Parents and pupils as well as teachers should take great interest and put forth every effort to make Crook county's exhibit show up well beside the exhibits from other counties. We have the pupils and the teachers, why not show what we can do along these lines?
C. B. DIXWIDE,
Co. Sup't.

DEATH OF L. N. LIGGETT

Leander N. Liggett, former mayor of Prineville and deputy sheriff of Crook county during the past eight months, died at his residence in this city last Monday night from Bright's disease. Deceased had been in poor health for several weeks but was at his office the afternoon before his death. Taken seriously ill about four o'clock last Monday he was taken home in a carriage and died a few hours later.

No death of recent years has come as such a sudden blow to the community, the family and the many friends of the deceased, but few of whom knew that Mr. Liggett was suffering from bodily ailment. The members of the family themselves did not realize until almost the hour of his death that his illness was anything but temporary.

The death of Mr. Liggett marks the close of a life long career of usefulness and it is with a feeling of genuine sorrow and regret that the host of friends and acquaintances throughout the county and state see his remains laid to rest.
Mr. Liggett was born in Polk county in 1833 and spent his boyhood days in the Willamette valley. In 1859 he entered the Agricultural college at Corvallis and graduated from the institution with high honors four years later. During the ensuing two years he taught in the public schools and then took up engineering, becoming one of the party which made the original surveys for the Corvallis and Eastern railroad, which was then known as the Oregon Pacific.

In 1876 deceased went on the staff of the Albany Democrat where he remained until the teaching profession again called him and he was elected County School Superintendent of Crook county in 1880 which he filled for two terms. Coming to Crook county in 1880 he engaged quite extensively in stock raising on Camp creek and in 1884 was elected principal of the Prineville public schools. For three successive years he remained at the head of the faculty filling the position ably and with credit not only to himself but to the city's educational advancement. In 1896 Mr. Liggett purchased the Prineville Review from Hon. J. N. Williamson. For a time he conducted the paper as an independent sheet, but later took up the cause of Democracy. He was a forcible and versatile writer and his management of the paper was soon recognized as a power in political circles. In 1901 he was elected mayor of Prineville and the year following was again the people's unanimous choice, there being no opposing candidate for the office.

Mr. Liggett was married in Albany, February 2, 1879 to Miss Catherine E. Cowan, who survives him, and to the union was born one daughter, Miss Florence E. Liggett, who has filled the position as deputy County Clerk for several years. Of the brothers and sisters of the deceased there remains: Joseph C., Charles W., Frank E. and Milton S. Liggett, all of North Yakima, Wash., and Mrs. Minnie B. Henkle of Little Rock, Wash.

Mr. Liggett was a prominent member of several lodges in this city among which are the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Juniper Circle No. 27 W. of W.
The funeral services are to be in charge of the Knights of Pythias and will be conducted by the Rev. J. Anthony Mitchell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, at the family residence in this city tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the Union cemetery.

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Hick's Almanac.

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